



## All Sectors Bulletin

### High Tensions/Situational Awareness - Israel-Palestine Conflict

In recent days the escalation and tensions have grown between Israel and Palestine. According to open-source, this escalation is the most intense since the seven-week war in 2014 . The Virginia Fusion Center Shield Program is providing this All Sectors Bulletin to bring awareness to this heightened threat environment.

#### Situation Overview

Tensions between Israelis and Palestinians have escalated further as Palestinian militants in Gaza fired hundreds of rockets into Israel, which responded with ramped up airstrikes on the coastal enclave.

This recent violence has been the most intensive aerial exchanges between Israel and Hamas since a 2014 war in Gaza.



#### Impact to Virginia

The Virginia Fusion Center is aware of planned demonstrations/protests regarding this conflict throughout the Commonwealth. The VFC urges our partners to remain vigilant regarding threats or suspicious activity surrounding religious institutions and facilities within your jurisdictions.

If any unexpected demonstrations occur that may lead to potential unrest in your area, please contact the VFC at 804-674-2196 or [vfc@vfc.vsp.virginia.gov](mailto:vfc@vfc.vsp.virginia.gov).

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#### CISA - Resources for Civil Unrest Threat

[CISA](#) offers a suite of resources to facilitate the sharing of threat and incident information, assist in decision- making, and enhance the security capabilities of critical infrastructure facilities.

Check out this PDF for great information on SAR Reporting, Bombing Prevention, Securing Soft Targets and a bevy of other resources.

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#### CISA - Personal Security Considerations

In recent months, the U.S. has experienced civil unrest across various jurisdictions. Due to continued sociopolitical issues, there remains a potential for further unrest. Domestic terrorists and other violent extremist actors may continue to leverage peaceful protests to attempt to incite hate, destroy critical infrastructure, and inflict bodily harm. Extremist actors have also used rhetoric to attempt to threaten high- profile individuals associated with the management and operation of critical infrastructure. To reduce risk, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) recommends that individuals, particularly those with higher profile status, implement basic security measures to increase personal safety.

Check out this resource for Behavioral Indicators, Personal Security Measures, and other great information to keep you and your family safe.

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#### Mass Gatherings - Taking Charge of your Personal Safety

A mass gathering occurs when a large number of people come together in a particular location for a specific purpose. These locations, especially those associated with large crowds, could be an attractive target for terrorism and other crimes. If everyone plays their part, we can keep our neighborhoods, communities, and the nation safe against the threats we face.

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#### Mass Gatherings - Security Awareness for Soft Targets

Mass gatherings — either in the form of indoor events or outdoor gatherings — can take place in many different formats and configurations. The following protective measures provide some basic actions to be considered by those responsible for the safety and security of these locations.

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